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In re Application of

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METHOD USING THE SAME

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments.

# IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, line 2, before "14" please insert --member--.

line 6, please insert at the end of the paragraph the following: --The bulge 14K has an inner ring portion 14L, an outer ring portion 14M and a groove portion 14N having identical configuration with respective components of the pipe member 13.--

line 20, please delete "32" and substitute --132-therefor.

Page 11, lines 18 and 20, please delete "31" and substitute --131-- therefor.

Page 12, line 13, change "crush" to --smash-line 25, after "carried" insert --out-line 30, change "assmbled" to --assembled--

# IN THE DRAWINGS:

Approval of the revisions made to Figures 5 and 8, as shown in red ink on the attached photocopies, is respectfully solicited.

### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are submitted in order to correct typographical and grammatical errors present in the instant specification.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted

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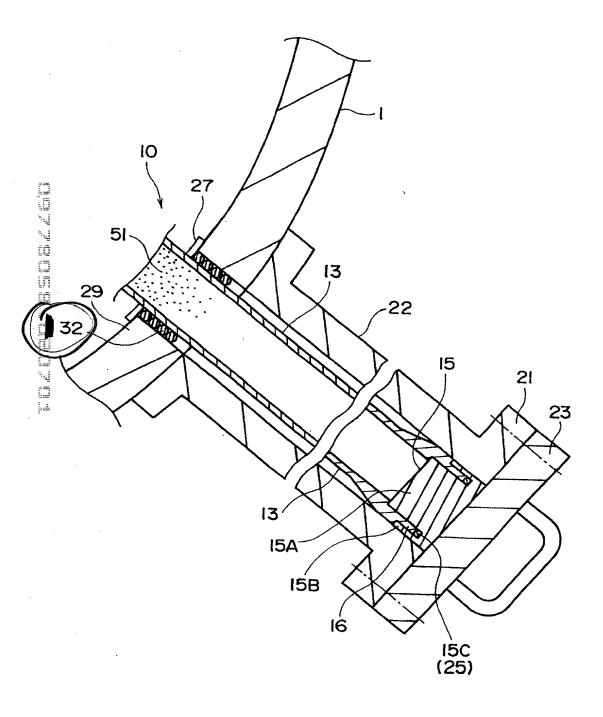
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